

**TOWN OF CUSHING
SELECTMEN MEETING**

June 11, 2007

CUSHING COMMUNITY CENTER

Selectmen Present: Alton Grover, Peter Haviland, Randolph Robbins, Kim Young, and Robert Worthing.

Staff Present: Town Clerk Lisa Young

Board approved Warrant # 147

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Peter Haviland motioned, Robert Worthing seconded, to approve the May 29, 2007 minutes as written. The motion passed.

Board Approved 3-0-0

Changes to the Agenda

Resident Robert Ellis inquired to why a yellow passing lane was painted in front of the town garage. Chairman Alton Grover explained that the striper truck driver wanted to know where he could clean out his hoses when he was finished striping the town roads, so Alton had him clean the hoses out in front of the garage.

Rick Palm inquired to the amount of funds left in the ancient cemetery account and requested permission from the Board to remove two trees in the ancient cemetery on Gaunt Neck. He noted that Mr. Tower offered to remove the two trees at no cost. The Board directed Mr. Palm to contact Code Enforcement Officer Scott Bickford in regard to the trees, and Chairman Alton Grover informed him that the ancient cemetery account had a balance of \$2,259.

Resident Jim Tower presented the Board a copy of comments on the draft subdivision regulations.

Member of the Planning Board, Robert Ellis, stated that he feels the town should consider changing subdivisions from regulatory to an ordinance format. The people should have a voice. As it is now subdivision regulations are not subject to a town referendum, but can be approved, following public hearing, by a vote of the Planning Board.

Unfinished Business

Audit update 2006- Selectman Kim Young reported that Hollingsworth and Associates are requesting a management discussion and analysis report for the 2006 year before they will send the final audit for 2006. Selectman Young agreed to prepare the report.

Chairman Alton Grover reported that he had faxed a letter to the Department of Transportation letting them know that the town did not want to proceed with the Grange Hall Hill project.

New Business

Appointment to Buildings and Properties Committee- Selectman Randy Robbins motioned, Kim Young seconded, to appoint Joan Thibault member of the Buildings and Properties Committee.

Grounds Committee- Sandra Blanchard and Susann Conover members of a new subcommittee of the Buildings and Properties Committee presented landscaping plans for the Cushing Community Center. Sandra informed the Board that there are eight members on the subcommittee; three which are master gardeners. Sandra also informed the board that, independent of the Grounds Committee, they are looking into forming a non-profit entity called the Cushing Memorial due to people wanting to give money in memory of a deceased loved one or friend.

Laurie Morse Ordinance Committee resignation/Chairman of the Ordinance Committee- Laurie Morse addressed the Board explaining her reasons for submitting her resignation letter. She stated that she was upset at how the election for officers was handled at the April 30th meeting; she felt that the vote for chairman and vice-chairman was pre-determined. She feels that the committee needs to work on better communication and she would like to see more diversity in its members. Chairman Marilyn Barnum asserted that the vote for chairman and vice-chairman was not prearranged. She felt confused that Laurie had sent her resignation letter to the Board of Selectmen, and to Jim Tower, but not to her. She announced that the committee would need a new secretary and a new member. Jim Tower and Daniel Staples voiced their support for Laurie and asked that she stay on the committee. Member Daniel Staples voiced his concerns with how some things have been handled on the committee and on other boards. After an intense and lengthy discussion on the problems that exist, Selectman Robert Worthing suggested that it may be a good idea to reconstitute the committee from ground zero. Liaison to the Ordinance Committee Randolph Robbins disagreed. Randy motioned not to accept Laurie Morse's resignation. He reminded those present of how at the inception of the committee that the group wanted diversity, so the board approved accepting all those who wanted to be on the committee; which was nine members. He feels that the committee should move on and get back to work. Selectman Robbins asked Laurie if she would agree to stay on. Laurie agreed to stay on and apologized to Chairman Marilyn Barnum for not sending the resignation letter to her.

Recreation Department- Selectman Kim Young, liaison to the Recreation Department, reported that she had attended the Recreation Departments June 10th meeting. She informed the Board of the following updates: Chairman Sonia Bates is on a two month leave and that Amy Robinson will be filling in for her; the department will be changing the name on their checkbook to the Friends of Cushing Recreation Department and are in the process of obtaining 501(c)(3) status; the department, from now on, will have a

member from the group attend a Selectmen Meeting to update the board whenever they need to make a large purchase; and that they also will come to a meeting at least two times a year to give a report of how many children are in the program etc. Kim noted that the biggest challenge that the Recreation Committee is facing is that they are out growing their storage space.

Sign contract from Aerial Survey & Photo, Inc. - The Board approved and signed the contract from Aerial Survey & Photo, Inc. for digital mapping. At the March Town Meeting the Town amended and approved an article for taking \$29,800.00 out of excise taxes to pay for the digital mapping.

Chairman Alton Grover motioned, Peter Haviland seconded, to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (A) Personnel Matters. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Chairman Alton Grover motioned, Kim Young seconded, to return to the regular scheduled meeting at 8:07PM. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Chairman Alton Grover motioned, Peter Haviland, seconded to adjourn at 8:38 PM. The motion passed.

Board Approved 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Young
Recording Secretary
Town Clerk